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FILING COVER SHEET

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: SUEZ Water Delaware Inc.
2. TYPE OF FILING: RATE CHANGE ☒
FUEL ADJUSTMENT ☐
ADMINISTRATIVE ☐
CPCN ☐
NEW SERVICE OFFERING ☐
OTHER - DESCRIBE _____

IF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING, WHAT TYPE OF SERVICE IS IMPACTED?

BASIC _____ COMPETITIVE _____ DISCRETIONARY _____

3. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 5, 2016

IS EXPEDITED TREATMENT REQUESTED? YES ☐ NO ☐

4. SHORT SUMMARY OF FILING: SUEZ Water Delaware Inc. is requesting a rate increase in order to recover increases in operating expenses and fair return on capital invested since its last rate case in 2010.

5. DOES THIS FILING RELATE TO OTHER DOCKETS: YES ☐ NO ☒

IF YES, LIST DOCKET(S) NO(S): _____

6. IS PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED? YES ☒ NO ☐
IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE.

7. APPLICANT'S CONTACT PERSON: NAME: Gary S. Prettyman
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8. DID YOU PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF THE FILING TO THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE?
YES ☒ NO ☐ IF YES, WHEN? _____

9. FILING FEE ENCLOSED: AMOUNT: \$ 100.00

NOTE: House Bill 681, enacted into law 7/13/98, authorizes the Commission to recover the cost of time spent by in-house staff to process all filings initiated after the date of enactment. You may be required to reimburse the Commission for staff time.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC. FOR A)	PSC Docket No.
GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES)	16- _____
(Filed February 5, 2016))	

**APPLICATION OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC.
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES**

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SERVICES INC.
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February 5, 2016

SUEZ Water Delaware Inc. (“SUEZ” or the “Company”) hereby submits this Application pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”), and in support thereof states as follows:

1. The Company’s name, mail and email address, telephone and fax numbers are as follows:

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2. The Company seeks the authorization, right and approval for a general rate increase pursuant to 26 *Del.C.* §§ 201, 209, 304 and 306 and other sections of the Public Utilities Act of 1974, 26 *Del.C.* §§ 101 et seq. (the “Act”) as applicable.
3. The Company’s existing rates, as previously authorized and approved by the Commission in PSC Docket No. 10-421, will be affected and modified by relief sought with this Application.
4. The material facts to be relied upon by the Company in connection with this Application are contained in the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of the Company’s representatives and expert(s), and supporting schedules, filed concurrently with this Application in accordance with the Commission’s

Minimum Filing Requirements for All Regulated Companies Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Commission, codified at 26 *Del.C.* § 1002, Part A (the “Minimum Filing Requirements”).

5. This Application and the Commission’s review and approval thereof are authorized by Sections 201, 209, 304 and 306 of the Act, and by the Commission’s rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including Part A of the Minimum Filing Requirements.
6. The proposed changes to the tariff, issued February 5 and effective April 5, are included as a part of the Minimum Filing Requirements.
7. The Company has, pursuant to Section 304 of the Act, and Section 1. A. of Part A of the Minimum Filing Requirements, filed a Notice of Intent to file a general rate increase, which Notice of Intent was originally filed on November 19, 2015.
8. Any information required by the Minimum Filing Requirements but not set forth herein (or attached hereto) is currently on file with the Commission.
9. Based on the foregoing, the Company seeks the Commission’s approval of the attached tariff *P.S.C. No. 6 – Water, Twenty Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 4, Second Revised Sheet No. 6, Tenth Revised Sheet No.’s 12 and 12A, Ninth Revised Sheet No.’s 12B through 15 and Twenty First Revised Sheet No. 17* to provide for an overall net rate increase of \$ 4,943,665 or

19.96% The proposed increase in base rates includes \$1,696,286 of existing Distribution System Improvement Charge which will be rolled into base rates.

10. If the Commission suspends the operation of the rate change proposed in this Application, pursuant to Section 306(a) of the Act, then the Company intends to exercise its right to put increased rates into effect under bond sixty (60) days after the filing of this Application, as and to the extent permitted pursuant to 26 Del.C. § 306(c).

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the general rate increase and tariff changes as requested in this Application.

Respectfully submitted:

SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC.

By: 

Name: Gary S. Prettyman

Title: Sr. Director Regulatory Business

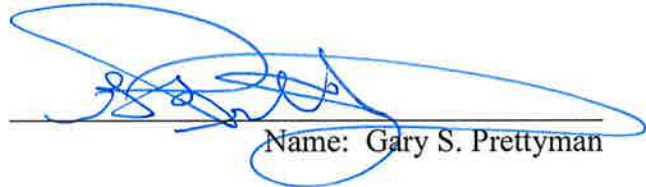
Dated: February 5, 2016

VERIFICATION


STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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COUNTY OF BERGEN :

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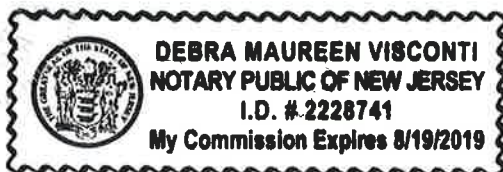
The undersigned, Gary S. Prettyman, Sr. Director Regulatory Business of SUEZ Water Management and Services Inc., being duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts and statements in the foregoing APPLICATION OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC. FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES, dated February 5, 2016, are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, but are in part based upon knowledge and information supplied by others.


Name: Gary S. Prettyman

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
before me, a notary public, on this
5th day of February 2016.


Debra Maureen Visconti
Notary Public of New Jersey
I.D. # 2228741
My Commission Expires 8/19/2019

SEAL:



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Gary S. Prettyman, does hereby certify that the foregoing APPLICATION OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC. FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES, dated February 5, 2016, together with all exhibits, schedules and other attachments thereto, have been filed electronically with State of Delaware Public Service Commission via Delafile.



Gary S. Prettyman
Sr. Director Regulatory Business

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL CUSTOMERS OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC.

On February 5, 2016, SUEZ Water Delaware Inc. ("United" or "the Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("the Commission") an application for an increase in its water service rates and for several changes to the Rules and Regulations in its Tariff (the "Application"). The new proposed rates and charges are designed to increase the net rates of the Company by approximately \$4.9 Million. The application includes a provision for \$1.6 Million of currently billed surcharges to be included in base rates and resetting of the surcharge amount to zero. The overall impact of the proposed rates on the Company's revenue and on customers' bills will be about 19.96%.

The following is a comparison of SUEZ's present rates and those proposed in the Application:

WATER CHARGE
Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

<u>RATE</u>	<u>OLD RATE</u>	<u>NEW</u>
<u>RESIDENTIAL:</u>		
0-2,000	\$ 3.3819	\$ 4.3572
2,001-7,000	\$ 4.0880	\$ 5.2604
Over 7,000	\$ 5.7286	\$ 8.1591
<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		
All Consumption	\$ 3.3896	\$ 4.4673
<u>INDUSTRIAL</u>		
0-1,400,000	\$ 3.1697	\$ 4.1645
Over 1,400,000	\$ 2.3659	\$ 3.1321

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

All Consumption\$2.9741 \$ 4.1102

SALES FOR RESALE

All Consumption\$2.9994 \$ 3.6666

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	MONTHLY	
	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
5/8"	\$11.70	\$15.46
3/4"	14.05	19.27
1"	18.59	24.99
1 1/4"	21.80	29.32
1 1/2"	27.10	37.22
2"	40.27	53.62
3"	102.33	110.00
4"	137.08	147.36
6"	219.74	236.22
8"	315.41	354.92
10"	410.20	498.93

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT READY TO SERVE CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	MONTHLY	
	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
5/8"	\$2.21	\$2.38
3/4"	3.30	3.55
1"	5.51	5.92
1 1/4"	8.28	8.90
1 1/2"	11.03	11.86
2"	17.67	19.00
3"	33.13	35.61
4"	55.22	59.36
6"	110.48	118.77
8"	176.76	190.02
10"	254.11	273.17

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT

Maintained by Company	\$120.25	\$120.25
Maintained by Customer	100.17	100.17

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

	MONTHLY	
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
1 1/2" service line	\$6.03	\$6.48
2" service line	25.07	26.95
4" service line	40.09	43.10
6" service line	100.17	107.68
8" service line	180.22	193.74
10" service line	280.44	301.47
12" service line	400.60	430.65
Charge per hydrant		
Maintained by Company	120.25	129.27
Maintained by Customer	100.17	107.68

Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* 306(a)(1), the Commission has suspended the effectiveness of the proposed new rates and the proposed rules revisions pending further investigation and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held at a later date after further public notice. However, the utility is expected to exercise its right under 26 *Del. C.* 306(c) and place a portion of the proposed rate increase into effect, under bond and subject to refund, on April 5, 2016, sixty (60) days after the filing of the Application, as permitted by law.

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the evidence of record taken at public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and revisions and may approve a different method for allocating among rates any allowed increase in revenues should one be found to be appropriate.

Any person wishing to participate as a party in this docket (PSC Docket No. 16-____) should file for leave to intervene with the Commission in accordance with Rule 21 of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure. Such petitions should be filed on or before _____, 2016 at the Commission's office located at:

Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Cannon Building
Suite 100
Dover, Delaware 19904

Petitions filed thereafter will not be considered except for good cause shown.

Interested customers are urged to review the application and supporting materials to see how their individual interest may be affected. Copies of the application are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Commission's Dover office at the address listed above. Copies may also be reviewed, by appointment, at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at the Carvel State Office Building, 4th Floor, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Please call (302) 577-5077 to arrange for a time to review the documents at such location.

Any individual with disabilities, who wishes to participate in, or to review these proceedings, should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aides or services needed to facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, by telephone, or otherwise. For inquiries, the Commission's toll free telephone number (in Delaware) is 1-800-282-8574. Any person with questions may also contact the Commission Staff at (302) 736-7500 or by Text Telephone at (302) 736-7500. Inquiries can also be sent by Internet e-mail to karen.nickerson@state.de.us.